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ENP#1F0072235 2/00/VCK/R873-72 SPOT REPORT FOLLOW-UP NR. 1 AVN/OPER-V/I.
 EMULATION MESSAGES REVEAL DIVISIONAL SUBORDINATION AND AREAS OF OPERATIONS OF
 NVN SAM REGIMENTS
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SPOT REPORT FOLLOW-UP NR. 1 TO 2/00/VCK/R872-72 22 1304Z AUGUST 1972 THE
 IDENTITY OF THE SAM UNITS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPORTED SHOOTDOWN OF FIVE U.S.
 AIRCRAFT IN MID AUGUST IN THE HANOI AND HAIPHONG AREAS, WAS REVEALED ON 19
 AUGUST. IN ADDITION THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE NORTHERN AIR DEFENSE REGION
 DISPOSITION OF SAM FORCES. THE 238TH SAM REGIMENT IS OPERATIONAL IN THE
 HAIPHONG AREA AND RESUBORDINATED TO THE 363RD AIR DEFENSE DIVISION. DETAILS,
 THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON A \$COMMUNIQUE FROM THE ((AIR DEFENSE)) BRANCH,
 WHICH STATED THAT \$ON 17 AUGUST, AIR DEFENSE FORCES... SHOT DOWN FIVE AIRCRAFT,
 THREE OF WHICH CRASHED ON THE SPOT. BATTALION 81, 238TH REGIMENT, 363RD
 DIVISION SHOT DOWN ONE AIRCRAFT ON THE SPOT DURING THE NIGHT ((16-17 AUGUST))
 IN THUY NGUYEN DISTRICT ((20-55N 106-40E)), HAIPHONG ((PROVINCE)). BATTALION
 3X, 261ST REGIMENT, 361ST DIVISION SHOT DOWN ONE AIRCRAFT ON THE SPOT AND
 CAPTURED THE PILOT IN KIEN XUONG ((DISTRICT)), THAI BINH ((PROVINCE)).((1)) THE
 MESSAGES, APPARENTLY ADDRESSED TO ALL NVN AIR DEFENSE UNITS, WENT ON TO URGE
 PERSONNEL TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLES OF THE ABOVE REGIMENTS, TO \$DRAW UPON
 EXPERIENCE\$ AND SHOOT DOWN \$MANY AIRCRAFT ON THE SPOT AND CAPTURE THE PILOTS.\$
 COMMENT, THE 19 AUGUST MESSAGES PROVIDE THE FIRST EVIDENCE CONFIRMING THE
 238TH REGIMENT'S CURRENT AREA OF OPERATIONS. THIS ALSO MARKS THE FIRST KNOWN
 SUBORDINATION OF THE 238TH SAM REGIMENT TO THE 363RD AIR DEFENSE DIVISION AT
 HAIPHONG, KIEN AN. THE 238TH WAS LAST KNOWN TO BE SUBORDINATE TO THE 367TH AIR
 DEFENSE DIVISION IN SOUTHERN NVN. SAM FIRING BATTALIONS 31-34 AND TECHNICAL
 SUPPORT BATTALION 35 ARE THE BATTALIONS PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO BE SUBORDINATE TO
 THE 261ST REGIMENT IN THE HANOI AREA. THIS PROVIDES STILL FURTHER CONFIRMATION
 OF THE SUBORDINATION OF THE 261ST REGIMENT TO THE 361ST AIR DEFENSE DIVISION.
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